

Inquiry resumes

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THE Marikana Commission of Inquiry will resume this morning pending an application for an interdict to put it on hold by 300 mine workers.

The commission's spokesperson, Tshepo Mahlangu, said: "The parties discussed and agreed that the commission should proceed while we wait to hear the court judgment on Thursday."

The miners, lawyers for the President and the Minister of Justice were locked in argument up to the late hours of Saturday night.

Led by Mzoxolo Mgidiwana, the miners - who were injured

and later arrested during the shooting that killed 34 of their colleagues - want the court to order the state to pay Dali Mpofo - the lawyer representing them - and his team of legal professionals.

They argue that they are entitled to legal aid despite Legal Aid SA saying its services do not include funding for commissions, and that it had already allocated millions to paying lawyers representing families of the miners who died.

They miners want the court to declare the conduct of the president, minister and Legal Aid SA as unlawful, unconstitutional and accordingly invalid.

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